



**Rural District of Shepton Mallet**

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**OF THE**

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

*Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector*

**FOR THE YEAR**

**1970**

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31st December 1970

Highfield House,  
Park Road,  
Shepton Mallet,  
Somerset.



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SHEPTON MALLETT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1970

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CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Mrs. J. M. Rogers.

RODENT OPERATORS

W. J. Palmer (deceased during year)

J. Peppard (full-time from November)

Duties of Public Health Inspectors include :-

Sanitary and Housing Administration, Meat and Food Inspection,  
Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Salvage, Council  
House Administration (Letting and Control of Tenancies), and  
Rodent Control.

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7th October 1971.

To: The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my tenth Annual Report on the Health of this Rural District Council, prepared in accordance with Circular 1/71 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

During these ten years there has been a steady progress in the provision of amenities such as improved housing, water supplies and extended sewerage schemes as detailed each year in the admirable reports of the Senior Public Health Inspector and to whom and to his staff I am most grateful for their unstinted co-operation at all times.

For some time now, since the placing of the permanent site of the Bath & West Show at Prestleigh, the public health staff have been particularly busy during the week of the Show, but in 1970 a heavy additional load was added in the form of the mass events of the "Bath Blues" and "Pilton Pop" festivals. These form the subject of detailed reports by the Senior Public Health Inspector and myself which cannot be condensed here but it speaks volumes for the devotion to duty of all concerned that the subsequent morbidity in the District from these events was as small as it turned out to be.

As regards the vital statistics of the District it will be seen that they compare favourably with those of the County and England and Wales as a whole.

In conclusion, may I offer my thanks again to the Clerk, Surveyor, Members of the Council and professional colleagues for their courtesy and support.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

D.E. CLARE.  
Medical Officer of Health.



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## GENERAL

## STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres) ...	47,167
Estimated Population (mid-year 1970) .	10,750
Number of inhabited houses ...	3,669
Rateable Value (at 31.12.70) ...	£335,826
Product of a Penny Rate (70/71) Estimated..	£1,311

## MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1970

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet RDC</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	84	78	162			8,282	(Provisional)
Illegitimate	6	2	8			545	
Totals	<u>90</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>170</u>			<u>8,827</u>	784,482
Rate per 1,000 population				15.8	17.2	15.1	16.0
(Area births comparability Factor 1.09)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected birth rate to national rate						1.08	

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 5.0 6.0 8.0

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	Nil						9,297
Illegitimate	Nil						<u>1,044</u>
Totals						94	10,341
Rate per 1,000 live and still births						11.0	13.0

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

90 80 170 8,921 794,823

DEATHSTOTAL DEATHS

(all ages)	59	64	123			7,493	575,208
Rate per 1,000 population				11.4	10.5	10.6	11.7
(Area deaths comparability Factor .92)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected death rate to national rate						.90	

INFANT DEATHS

(under 1 year)

Legitimate	2	1	3				12,592
Illegitimate	Nil						<u>1,677</u>
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>			146	<u>14,269</u>

(under 4 weeks)

Legitimate	1	-	1				8,548
Illegitimate	Nil						<u>1,115</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			99	<u>9,663</u>

Shepton Mallet R.D.C.				Somerſet	England & Wales
<u>Recorded</u> <u>Corrected</u>					(Provisional)
(under 1 week)					
Legitimate	1	-	1		7,343
Illegitimate	Nil				985
Totals	1	-	1	80	<u>8,328</u>

#### INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total Infant deaths per 1,000			
Total Live Births ...	18.0	17.0	18.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live births	19.0	16.0	17.0
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births		24.0	26.0

#### NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES

(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)...	6.0	11.0	12.0
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#### EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)...	6.0	9.0	11.0
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#### PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

(Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and still births) ...	6.0	20.0	23.0
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#### MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including abortion)

Number of deaths ...	Nil	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births -		.11	

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (5 YEAR PERIOD 1966 - 1970)

<u>Disease</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Acute Influenzial Pneumonia ...	...	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	...	3	-	-	30	2
Food Poisoning ...	...	-	-	1	-	2
Infective Jaundice ...	...	-	-	-	2	-
Measles ...	...	22	203	48	57	46
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	1	6	4	1	3
Tuberculosis - Respiratory ...	...	1	2	-	-	-
Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory ...	...	1	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough ...	...	-	5	-	9	15
Total ...	...	28	219	53	100	68



CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970 (as  
given by the Registrar-General)

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 Wks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & +
Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - Buccal cavity, etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - Intestine	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - Breast	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm - Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1
Diabetes Mellitus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Anaemias	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	10
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	5
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

(continued)



Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 Wks	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & +
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Asthma	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Appendicitis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases Genito- Urinary System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill- Defined Conditions	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
All other external causes	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	M	59	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	5	21	25
	F	64	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	8	17	34



## NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1970

(the figures in general are too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population - a rise of 10 over the mid-year population for 1969 was estimated by the Registrar-General; births exceeded deaths by 47.

Births Live Births - there was an increase of 16 compared with 1969, and it will be seen that the birth rate when amended by the Area Births Comparability Factor reaches a figure noticeably better than County or National rates - the Illegitimate Birth rate was less than the average in Somerset or England and Wales. Still Births - it is a pleasure to record that there were none.

Deaths All Ages - rose again over the figure for the previous year, with an increase of 5, but when the death rate is corrected by the Area Deaths Comparability Factor it is seen to be once again lower than County or National rates. Infant Mortality - 3 infant deaths occurred this year, one of which was under one week. The Infant Mortality Rate was higher than the County rate but equal to the National one, whilst Neonatal and Perinatal Mortality Rates were noticeably less. Maternal Mortality - again this was nil.

Causes of Death Heart, Cerebrovascular and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System - deaths fell by 9 compared with the previous year to 62, and of these Heart Diseases caused the greatest number (41) followed by Cerebrovascular Disease with 17 deaths. Cancers - again took second place amongst the groups of illness causing mortality in the District, with much the same total (23) as last year. As regards site, lung cancer again led with 5 deaths, 4 of which were amongst males, followed by cancers of the digestive tract with 4 deaths, and then breast and womb cancers each with 2 deaths. One child died in her first year of cancer.

Respiratory Diseases - deaths from these totalled 14, 2 more than in 1969, and of these Pneumonia accounted for 7, Bronchitis and Emphysema 4 and Influenza 2. Accidents - deaths rose to 5 from 2 in 1969, and of these 2 involved a motor vehicle. It is unfortunate that one child died in his first year by accidental causes.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

From the Five-Year Table it will be seen that moderate outbreaks of measles and whooping cough occurred during the year amongst children in the District. The 2 cases of Sonne Dysentery were unrelated in time and locality and there was not the spread of the previous year. The 3 cases of scarlet fever were amongst children and were similarly unrelated in time or locality.

## FOOD POISONING AND HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

Two cases of food poisoning were notified in the District, one due to staphylococcus aureus occurring in a visitor to the vast "Blues Festival" at the Bath & West Showground, Prestleigh, and the other due to Salmonella Typhimurium though this was not proven food-borne. Another resident in the District suffered an illness due to Salmonella saint-paul, in which contact with a patent dog food fell under suspicion though this could not be proved bacteriologically.



MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959 (Sec.20).

The Heat Treatment Notice served in respect of brucellosis in a dairy herd in the north of the District which was applied in 1969 remained in force during 1970. Brucellosis was also notified again in a dairy herd in the south of the District, but a formal Notice was not required as the bulk milk went for heat treatment.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No case occurred during the year which required action under the provisions of the above Acts.

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1966 - 1970  
WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
1. <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	19.01	18.0	18.0	15.6	17.2
Somerset	17.86	17.7	16.9	16.8	15.1
England and Wales	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0
2. <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	8.21	9.0	9.9	10.1	10.5
Somerset	10.37	10.1	10.9	10.8	10.6
England and Wales	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7
3. <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	16.3	Nil	23.0	Nil	18.0
Somerset	15.12	14.0	15.6	16.0	17.0
England and Wales	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0	18.0



## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### (A) WATER SUPPLIES

#### 1. Public Main Supplies (the following information was provided by the Bristol Waterworks Company).

(a) General The public supplies of water in the District were adequate. All raw water is chlorinated before being passed into the mains.

#### (b) Sampling

1. Chlorinated Water      Number of samples taken .. 740  
Satisfactory .. .. 717

(the unsatisfactory samples were due to difficulties in operating drip feed chlorinators after heavy rain).

2. Untreated Water      181 samples of raw water were examined, many of which showed evidence of contamination, but not to the extent that the subsequent treatment by chlorination proved inoperative.

3. Chemical Analysis      Numerous samples were taken for chemical analysis.

(c) Lead Solvency      The water supplies in the District are not known to have any dissolving effect on lead.

(d) Carrying out of works      The Company have laid 4,111 yards of tapping mains.

(e) Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies      The following figures have been supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company :-

Stoke Bottom	...	...	0.06	(average Fluoride p.p.m
West Bradley	...	...	0.45	as F).
Three Ashes	...	...	0.20	
Farncombe	...	...	0.16	
Evercreech	...	...	0.10	
Milton Clevedon.	...	...	0.15	
Lydford (ex Wessex Water Board)			0.22	
Gurney Slade	...	...	0.05	

#### 2. Individual Private Supplies

182 houses in the District (4.9%) are supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 169 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 13 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.

These samples gave the following results :-

Number taken	...	...	8
Satisfactory	...	...	2
Unsatisfactory	...	...	6



#### 4. Source of supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 21 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. Of 3,659 houses in the District, 3,447 (93.9%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 169 4.6% have a spring or well water laid on internally, and 13 (.3%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 13 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance procedure. 40 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.

Table B on page 22 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,376 houses in the District (92%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 71 (1.9%) from private mains.

#### (B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

##### 1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) Evercreech (and Stoney Stratton) Stage 1 was commenced in September at a Tender price of £90,349 (overall cost now computed at £93,538 for which loan sanction was obtained). It is anticipated that Stage 2 (the sewerage of the Hamlet of Stoney Stratton) will follow on after the completion of Stage 1. A slight extension of the Stage 1 scheme received Ministry approval.

(b) Lydford, East and West Little progress was made during the year on the preparation of this scheme, although most of the difficulties referred to in my report of last year have now been resolved.

(c) Batcombe and Westcombe Little progress was made on this scheme during the year as negotiations with the owner of a factory regarding Trade Waste were still not concluded. In August, the Council were threatened by the River Authority with legal proceedings for alleged pollution of the River Alham from the village drain in Westcombe.

(d) Additional Sewerage Schemes The Council reconsidered the need for sewerage schemes for Binegar, Parbrook and Alhampton, and further consideration was also given to sewerage the hamlet of East End in the Parish of Stoke St. Michael. The Council's Consulting Engineers were instructed to prepare outline schemes for Parbrook (the sewers to discharge with the sewers of Wells R.D.C. over the boundary), and for Binegar. The Consulting Engineer's Estimate for the sewerage of Parbrook and conveying the sewage to the sewers of the Wells R.D.C. was £55,585 and the Council agreed in principle with this scheme. With regard to the sewerage of the hamlet of East End, neither the River Authority nor the Water Company would say that sewerage was urgent and so the Council decided no action would be taken for the time being.



## 2. Drainage of Existing Houses

Table B on Page 22 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1970 as 1,917 (52.2%). 1,431 (39%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 321 houses (8.7%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage.

### (C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on Page 22 shows that 3,347 houses (91.2%) have a water closet. Eight houses (.2%) have shared closets, 297 houses (8%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 17 (.4%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 95 houses in the District (2.5%) have no sink and 783 houses (21.4%) have no bath.

### (D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL/SALVAGE

1. Collection The Dennis Paxit 11A (18-24 cub.yard) refuse vehicle continued in operation. The fortnightly collection in each Parish continued. Damage to the vehicle as the result of an accident on the tip resulted in the vehicle being off the road for major repairs and a relief vehicle was hired.
2. Disposal The tipping of household refuse at the Moorewood Tip ceased at the end of the year. By arrangement with Wincanton R.D.C. and Frome R.D.C. household refuse is now disposed of on the tips of these two Authorities, and for which payment is made. The tip at Moorewood continues for the time being for the disposal of bulky refuse.
3. Civic Amenities Act Action was taken under this Act for dealing with various unauthorised rubbish dumps and abandoned cars. There is a free collection system of bulky refuse, and facilities are provided for depositing by the public of such items.

- (E) Cesspool Emptying A scheme was prepared for and accepted by the Council for one annual emptying of cesspools free of charge. The scheme envisaged the employment of a Contractor and it is hoped to commence the scheme next year.

### (F) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

- 1 Smoke Abatement No formal action was taken during the year.
- 2 Caravans No new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, 15 licences were in force for sites for individual caravans, and two for more than one caravan.



3. Rag Flock There are no premises in this District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.
4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.
5. Rats and Mice Seventy-four complaints were received of rat infestation. Advice was given in respect of 11 cases of mice infestation. The Council's part-time Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the sewers at Cranmore, Croscombe, Ditchheat, Doultong, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. 124 premises were treated for the destruction of rats. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating 26 farms by agreement, 2 more than last year.  
The Council's part-time Rodent Operator died during the year and arrangements were made, with a suitable bonus scheme, to release one of the refuse loaders who had the necessary rodent control experience for full time Rodent Control duties.
6. Insect Pests Treatment and advice was given for flies, wasps and other insect pests.
7. Factories Table H on Page 25 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were 17 outworkers on the Council List, mainly employed in the Gloving Industry.
8. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were 26 premises registered at the end of the year, in which 178 persons were employed. Twenty-six premises were inspected during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.
9. Swill Plants The powers in respect of the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There are no licences in force.
10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Three licences were renewed.
11. Atmospheric Pollution Inspections, with H.M. Alkali Inspector, continued regarding emission of dust etc, from Quarry Plants, etc.
12. Complaints During the year 113 complaints were received, as follows :-  

General Housing Matters ...	5
Drainage/sewage disposal...	8
Rats, mice, insect pests...	100
13. Notices Eight informal notices were served during the year.

#### (G) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance Of the 326 houses claimed to be unfit as the result of the comprehensive survey in 1955, 38 are still to be dealt with, of which 8 are void and likely to be made fit and 13 are occupied by old people, including owner/occupiers. Informal and formal action was also taken in respect of other houses which have become unfit since the 1955 survey.



2. Improvement Grants Twenty-nine applications for Discretionary Grants and 13 applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table F on page 23 shows that schemes for the improvement of 21 houses were completed during the year.
3. Private houses erected Thirty-eight new houses were occupied during the year.
4. Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957 No applications for a certificate of disrepair were received during the year.

#### (H) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 125 applications on the Housing List. Of this total, only 51 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 24 for houses and 27 for Old Peoples' bungalows. During the year 22 houses and 8 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant. Four bungalows and 18 new garages were erected. Details of applications etc, are given in Table E on Page 23.
2. Building Programme Bungalows in course of erection - two (Gurney Slade).  
1971 Programme - 26 bungalows (on 6 sites) plus 6 bungalows at Evercreech in the 1970 programme but which were not commenced at the end of the year.

#### (I) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-Cream There were no new registrations for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action in some cases achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table I (Analysis of Food Premises) on Page 26 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-
 

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
556	3,944	1,398	1,458	7,356
6. Slaughtermen Six Slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Acts.

7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables K and L on pages 27 and 28 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There was one case of *Cysticercus Bovis* in cattle (the larval stage of the human tape-worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C. on occasions when their Inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned 205 items of food (93 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Foods Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried, when necessary, on the refuse tip.

#### (J) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming pool at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

#### (K) "POP" FESTIVALS

During the year the Council's district was the scene of two festivals - a very large one of some 200,000 and a small one with only about 1,000 attending. Copies of adverse reports by the Medical Officer of Health and myself which were submitted to the Council were sent to the Department of the Environment and the Rural District Council's Association with a request that the Government consider legislation so that some control can be exercised over these events.

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TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES EITHER  
OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or onto house		Number of houses supplied by standpipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc., laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
Ashwick	361	371	350	361	6	5	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	144	144	93	97	-	-	50	46	1	1
Binegar	89	90	87	88	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West.	89	89	88	88	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cranmore	144	146	125	127	10	10	8	8	1	1
Croscombe	235	235	227	227	2	2	6	6	-	-
Ditcheat	227	228	225	226	2	2	-	-	-	-
Doulting	195	195	182	182	4	4	6	6	3	3
Downhead	37	37	29	29	-	-	8	8	-	-
Emborough	51	51	49	49	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	576	580	551	555	6	6	19	19	-	-
Holcombe	261	264	260	263	-	-	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	47	47	40	40	-	-	6	6	1	1
Lydford	134	134	125	125	-	-	8	8	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	25	25	-	-	7	7	-	-
Pennard, East.	120	120	102	102	-	-	15	15	3	3
Pilton	284	297	269	282	-	-	15	15	-	-
Pylle	61	62	57	58	-	-	4	4	-	-
Stoke St. Michael	243	248	237	242	1	1	4	4	1	1
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	300	299	282	281	9	9	8	8	1	1
Total	3630	3669	3403	3447	41	40	173	169	13	13



TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	1969		1970	
	3,630		3,669	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>		%		%
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3290	90.63	3335	90.91
Houses with private main water	71	1.96	71	1.93
Houses with well, spring, etc., piped to house	173	4.76	169	4.60
Total houses with internal supply	3534	97.35	3575	97.44
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
Public main	42	1.15	41	1.12
Wells, springs, etc.	13	.36	13	.35
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
Standpipe on public main	41	1.14	40	1.09
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3295	90.77	3347	91.23
Houses with shared water closet	8	.22	8	.21
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	308	8.48	297	8.09
Houses with privy	19	.53	17	.47
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1852	51.02	1917	52.26
Houses drained to satisfactory cesspit or septic tank	1440	39.67	1431	39.00
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	338	9.31	321	8.74
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	103	2.84	95	2.58
Houses with no bath	792	21.81	783	21.41



TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	3,630	3,669
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	41	38
Houses in need of major repairs	91	91
Houses in need of minor repairs	385	375
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness	422	419
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects..	1,523	1,536
Post-war private houses	463	501
Council houses	705	709

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 survey	-	326
<u>December 1970</u> Houses void and under consideration	8	
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed ..	13	
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act Procedures ..	17	<u>Total 38</u>

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) Total applications (including old people)

On list at 1st January 1970	..	148
On list at 31st December 1970	..	125

(b) Of total number, reasonable cases only

		<u>Families</u>	<u>Old People</u>	<u>Total</u>
On list at 1st January 1970	..	27	28	55
On list at 31st December 1970	..	24	27	51

In addition to the 27 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December, 15 old people occupying Council Houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE F - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	<u>Standard Grants</u>
Approved to 1969	...	186	208
During 1970	...	<u>29</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	..	<u>215</u>	<u>221</u>
Completed to 1969	...	174	177
During 1970	...	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>
Total	..	<u>181</u>	<u>191</u>

TABLE G - VISITS

						<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
1	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...	...			8	9
2	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...		78	101
3	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	126	142
4	Council Houses	...	...	...	...	1,791	2,013
5	Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	30	26
6	Drainage and sewage disposal...	...	...	...		124	135
7	Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	85	9
8	Atmospheric pollution...	...	...	...	...	17	14
9	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...		93	89
10	Rats and mice suppression (By Rodent Operators)...					1,252	1,439
11	Rats, mice and other vermin (By P.H. Inspectors)...					37	25
12	Stables and piggeries...	...	...	...	...	5	3
13	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	15	21
14	Factories and workshops	...	...	...	...	1	9
15	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse	...	...			431	429
16	Other food inspection...	...	...	...	...	12	10
17	Butchers	...	...	...	...	4	2
18	Ice-cream dealers...	...	...	...	...	5	3
19	Dairies and milk distributors...	...	...	...		1	4
20	Public Houses...	...	...	...	...	10	4
21	Canteens and restaurants	...	...	...	...	2	2
22	Other food premises	...	...	...	...	31	21
23	Interviews	...	...	...	...	88	105
24	Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	...	...			28	29
25	Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	33	27
26	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	72	99



**TABLE H -- FACTORIES**

Inspection

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power).	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (power).	36	7	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
	37	7	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases where defects found				Number of prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding. Sec.2.	-	-	-	-	-
Unsatisfactory temperature. Sec.3.	-	-	-	-	-
Ventilation. Sec.4.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. Sec.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7.					
(a) insufficient	-	1	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE I - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applicable	Complying
Butcher only	1	1	1
Butcher and Sausage Manufacturer	5	5	5
Public House only	23	23	23
Public House and Restaurant	5	5	5
Public House and Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocer and Green-grocer	10	10	10
Grocer and Ice-Cream Dealer	28	28	28
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner and Ice-Cream Dealer	3	-	-
Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Restaurant and Canteen	3	3	3
Food Factory and Canteen	1	1	1
Wet and Fried Fish	1	1	1
Total	92	88	88

TABLE J - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED AS  
FOOD PREMISES, etc.

49 premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.



TABLE K - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1970

1. Whole carcase and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Arthritis	-	-	-	1	8	9
Bruising, etc.	-	-	-	-	39	39
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	28	2	9	39
Immaturity / Emaciation	-	-	1	2	-	3
Jaundice	-	-	2	-	-	2
Moribund	-	-	-	1	-	1
Oedema	1	-	7	8	19	35
Pyæmia	-	-	14	-	30	44
Septicaemia	-	-	47	-	27	74
Total	1	-	99	14	132	246

2. Part carcase condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	3	-	1	1	25	30
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	15	15
Bruising	2	1	7	3	14	27
Oedema	-	-	1	-	2	3
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	1	-	-	1	4	6
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	6	1	9	5	61	82

3. Offal condemned

2,246 items of edible offal were condemned.

4. Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
504	52	3,944	1,458	1,398	7,356

TABLE L - MEAT INSPECTION 1970

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	504	52	3,944	1,458	1,398
<u>(1) Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	1
<u>(2) Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>					
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for refrigeration treatment	1	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reasons	-	-	-	-	-
<u>(3) All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	99	14	132
Part carcass or organs condemned	161	29	439	156	714
Percentage of animals affected	32	58	14	12	61
<u>(4) Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs) for:-</u>					
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	14
Cysticercus bovis	64	-	-	-	-
Other diseases	2103	272	6627	1072	16283

Total Weights Condemned      Cysticercus Bovis      ..      ..      64 lbs.  
    Other Diseases ..    11 tons.16 cwts.3 lbs.





